

HOME NEWS

—J. E. M. Bing, of Valley Head, expects to raise 10,000 lbs of honey this year.

—Deputy Sheriff Burns has levied on about 66 head of stock for taxes, in the Levels district.

—David Moore, of Frost, has recently been granted a pension for services in the Union army.

—Married: Mr. Wm. Cutlip to Miss Lucy Cutlip, on the 24th of April last. All of near the Droop Mountain.

—A stock of millinery is being put in this week in the rooms over the Times office, by Mrs. J. M. Cunningham and Miss Maud Yeager.

—Mr. Henry Hannah, formerly of Locust, is now merchandising in Renick's Valley, and seems to be getting a nice run of custom.

—Mr. H. A. Yeager's auction was well attended last Saturday, and every thing seemed to be selling at good prices. Capt. C. B. Swecker, the entertaining auctioneer, made things lively.

—A lot has been selected by the trustees, donated by the Development Company, on which will be erected a Methodist church this summer. The site is not far from the court-house and is admirably chosen.

—Seventy or more families from Logan, McDowell, and Wyoming counties have settled around the head of Spring Creek and localities adjacent, the past two or three years, mainly on lands bought of Albert Williams, Esq.

—From the Bath News we learn of the deaths of Marshall Sitlington, of Bath Alum, aged 73, April 21st, and of Samuel C. Burges, of Cowpasture Bridge, aged 62, April 19th. Both gentlemen were well known to the people of this county.

—A party of four, fished all day in Stony Creek, and caught eight fish, last Saturday. Mr. Hubbell got one to the top of the water and just as he was getting ready to say "Howdy do, old boy, howdy do!" the fish slipped off the hook and returned to its element.

—Mr. Wm. C. Hull, late of Edray, has just returned from an excursion to Randolph county. He says the prevailing impression is, the southern extension of the Davis Road from Elkins, will be pushed with unusual vigor by the way of Shaver's Fork during the present year.

—Mr. Geo. R. Walton, of Greenbrier county, caught a rattlesnake last summer which he concluded he would pet. Last winter he decided he would let him freeze so that he would not have him to take care of through the winter, which he did, but when he tried to wake the snake this spring, he discovered that it was dead.

—Considered in the light of its present and prospective conditions, Mr. Washington Livesay, on Spring Creek, Greenbrier County, has a very valuable and desirable farm of one thousand acres. On it are three thousand white oak trees over twenty inches in diameter and of superior quality. Every acre can be utilized for grain, grass, or timber.

—Mr. Charles Schaal, a drummer representing a harness and leather firm in Marietta, O., passed through Huntersville last Friday on a bicycle, to which is attached a cyclometer. He made the run from Ronceverte to Marlinton in five hours, and from Marlinton to Huntersville in less than an hour. By his indicator the distance from Marlinton to Ronceverte is 48 1/2 miles, and from the Marlinton Bridge to Huntersville 7 1/2 miles.

—Saturday April 20th, while the family were at dinner, the L part of Mr. Peter L. Cleek's residence was discovered by Billy Miller who lives near by, to be on fire, and he quickly gave the alarm. The flames had penetrated the roofing for a space of several feet, and would have soon been beyond control. Fortunately it was seen in time to be readily extinguished. The fire seems to have started from a spark falling on the dry moss. The excitement and the exertion occasioned a relapse of the influenza from which Mr. Cleek was recovering, and he has been quite ill since.

—Major William McClung, one of Greenbrier's most prominent citizens a generation since, resided on the farm now owned by Mr. A. M. McLaughlin. He began life in the forest, built a round-pole cabin, vestiges of which are yet to be seen. Two of the foundation logs are yet in place, showing the dimensions to have been eighteen by sixteen feet. Within a few rods stands the spacious brick mansion where he closed his busy life, leaving an estate valued at one hundred and ninety thousand dollars. In his times industry and wealth were near neighbors.

—Among the professional men of our town is a gentleman whose veins run blue with the blood of the First Families of Virginia. This gentleman lost his vote very unexpectedly last week. He challenged a gigantic West Virginian to fight a duel with pistols in the grey of an April morning, in the secluded haunts of the Jericho neighborhood. This stumped the native, who did not relish this orthodox way of settling disputes. A treaty of peace was patched up temporarily, but the owner of Jericho feels it his duty to post notices "NO DUELING ON THESE PREMISES."

—The French Coach horse, "Leader," advertised in another column, is owned by a syndicate of Greenbrier farmers. He cost eleven hundred dollars in New York. Mr. Andrew McLaughlin has in possession one of the French Coach colts, not a year old, that is about fifteen hands high, and of a glossy brown color. In Mr. McLaughlin's flock of sheep is a Shropshire ewe nursing three thrifty lambs all her own. Like the old woman that lived in a shoe this motherly sheep at times does not know what to do, and so she lies down and pensively takes things as they come, and goes to sleep herself.

—Mr. Aaron Law lives at the home of his son-in-law, Abram Beard, Esq., of Renick's Valley. Mr. Law is a native of England, and was born in Kent, in 1804, whence he emigrated to the United States in 1837, and lived many years at the Warm Springs, Va. He remembers the cold winter of 1812, when an ox was roasted on the ice over the Thames, and when horse races came off on the same ice. His ancestral home was in sight of the chalk cliffs from which England derived its poetic name, Albion. He seems to have perfect health, has an erect, sprightly walk, and makes frequent visits to the neighbors.

—There are plenty of machines and riders for a bicycle club at this place. The practicability of the bicycle on our mountain roads was very well illustrated last week by Mr. E. H. Smith, the druggist. He rode to Ronceverte a distance of 46 miles, over two mountains, in eight hours. It is considered a long day's drive for a double team. Chas. Schaal, a drummer, was in town this week. He travels in summer exclusively on a bicycle. He has often crossed the State, and worked his way over the most intricate roads. He once made the trip from Point Pleasant to Clifton Forge, a distance of 297 miles, in one week, having worked the territory on his route.

—Tim Ahern, the man from Cork, who has been in Marlinton the last six months, left last week. He identified himself very closely with the pleasure-loving element, being good at a song and dance, very witty. He played football, and received a number of wounds in the engagement at Mingo. The last bit of news from him was characteristic. When he got to the Hot Springs he went to the bar, set up drinks for every body, and took a number straight himself. Then throwing his hat away, with an Irish whoop, he jumped to the middle of the room, and said, "I kin out-sing, out-dance, or out-box any spalpeen in the crowd for tin dollars. I'm from Marlinton!" An unwary gentleman came up and patted him on the back and told him he was "all right," but Tim kicked his feet from under him, and knocked him winding, and broke him all up. The man from Marlinton presently took the train, and that is the latest report of the Corker.

—Died: on Spring Creek, Greenbrier county, of consumption, Miss Phoebe Workman aged about 17 years. She was the daughter of Mr. Steve Workman.

PERSONAL MENTION.

E. H. Moore, of Academy, made this town a short visit last week.

Miss Maud Yeager has returned from Baltimore.

Cam. Herold, of Covington, is in town.

P. Golden is absent on a trip to the upper end of the county.

Mr. W. M. Wysong and family have removed to Ronceverte from Academy.

Miss Dora Brownlee has been employed as a teacher of the public school at this place for the next session.

Mrs. Manta Arbogast, of Texas, was visiting friends and relatives in town this week.

R. M. Beard, of Academy, spent several days in town last week.

Mrs. Wm. T. Beard, of Mill Point, was visiting friends in town on Monday, accompanied by her grandson, Carl.

Misses Annette Ligon and Myrtle Varner passed through town on their way to Academy.

Mrs. Sheets and son and daughter, of Gillispie, Pocahontas County, were here attending the funeral of her daughter and their sister, Mrs. Phillips. Mrs. Sheets has returned to Gillispie, her grandchildren with her. This was the dying request of her daughter, Mrs. Phillips. The youngest was only three weeks old.—*Tygart's Valley News.*

Mr. Henry Sharp, on Douthard's Creek, whose son, Albert Sharp, lives at Marlinton, is suffering very much from a complication of diseases. This worthy, aged citizen has many friends and relatives to sympathize with him in his affliction.

Richard C. Hales has recently purchased, from A. D. Bruce, half of the excellent farm called "Newmarket," situated one mile on the Pocahontas side of Mingo, (Randolph County.) The farm is in fine fix, and the pasturage of first-class quality. Anyone requiring good grazing, at a reasonable price, this summer, for cattle, should apply immediately to Mr. Hales, who is sure to give every attention to stock placed under his care, and they will be regularly salted.

A Runaway.

Sunday afternoon, April 21st, as Misses Lillie and Elva Friel were driving to Sunset to attend singing, their horse became unmanageable near Mr. William L. Harper's. Their buggy struck the carriage occupied by Mr. J. C. Loury and Mrs. Grose. In the collision Mr. Loury's carriage had the axle bent very much, while the buggy was whirled over the bank and lodged on top of a fence in a reversed position. Miss Lillie fell near the place of collision, but Miss Elva was holding the reins and was thrown two or three rods. Fortunately neither was seriously hurt.

The horse was disengaged by the shock and rushed on furiously, and while Messrs. William Grose and M. A. Friel were occupied in relieving the young ladies, their horses also took fright and followed on. All three, however, were checked by Mr. Lanty Herold and son, Winston. After a brief delay the whole party went to Sunset and had their singing.

Dunmore.

Still things move along. Alex. Butterbaugh moved to Dunmore this week; Wine & Lambert moved this week, and will commence sawing at Dice Rymell's the last of the week; J. K. Taylor has come home from Huttonsville and will return the last of the week; Rev. John A. Taylor moved to Maryland to take charge of his pastoral work; Rev. Maxwell moved to Green Bank last week, and preached a very able sermon Sunday at Dunmore; Miss Sallie J. Anderson has returned.

Capt. C. B. Swecker will attend the Circuit Court at Beverly which convenes May 1st.

We are glad to see Dr. C. L. Austin home from the hospital at Weston for a short stay.

Gov. Hughes is still in town.

Mr. Jacob Grant is with us; he has been gone for several years. Some person set fire to Rev. J. A. Taylor's logs, Sunday, and burned up about five hundred. The gentleman will get an introduction to the grand jury this fall.

The carding machine is now grinding out rolls. **SAP HEAD.**
April 26, 1895.

On the Trail.

L. R. Steele, from Clay County, was in this town tracking an escaped prisoner, one Ward Handshaw, who was here on Easter Sunday. Handshaw is accused of two cold-blooded murders, and almost every other crime in the calendar. He waylaid a sixteen year old boy, in Clay County, a year or so ago, and, thinking that he had money on his person, shot him dead. He was arrested, but a gang of toughs opened the jail for him, and since then he has been at large. He killed an old man in Braxton in order to rob him, but by neither murder did he get any money. Since his escape he has broken into three stores. He lives in the mountains nearly the whole time, "singing," hunting, and fishing, accompanied by his brother.

He has been much feared by the stock owners, for he has no scruples when it comes to killing a sheep or steer for dinner. He sleeps in the open air three-fourths of the year.

Keeping to the woods as he does it requires a hunter to track him down. Steele was close on him on the 12th of April on William's River, and being sure that he had gotten in front of him, lay by all night to waylay him. That night the Handshaws came into Marlinton, got supper at the McLaughlin House, refused a bed, and camped in the Laden Bottom. One begged breakfast of S. L. Brown and the other of Capt. Smith the next morning, and went towards Academy. When Easter morning dawned on Steele, lying on William's River, there was a three-inch snow on the ground. This covered all tracks, and he not expecting the fugitives to come into the settlement, proceeded to come on them in Nicholas county where they have relations.

Steele arrived here exactly two weeks behind them, and went from here again to Nicholas, as he thinks they took the Nicholas Road. A number of people recognized the picture of the murderer. There is a reward of \$400 for him.

The mousaineer detective is a brave looking fellow and says that he has "been after him for five weeks and 'lows to bring him in."

Handshaw is a man of about 35 years of age, and the detective thought it very likely that he would "sang" in this county this season. Their practice is for the brother, who is his accessory after the fact, to market the "sang," examine the stores, and then for Handshaw to come and break in.

Steele warns anyone, attempting to hold him up, to cover him very carefully with a gun before saying anything to him.

Dilleys Mill.

We are having fine growing weather, with an excellent rain the 27th which greatly revived every thing. We have good hopes of a plentiful fruit year. There is a very heavy apple bloom. The peach trees were all killed last winter by the continued cold and freezing weather.

Dr. J. H. Weymouth passed through this part, en route to Green Bank. The Dr. entertained the young folks very pleasantly with music.

Prof. G. E. Moore and sister are visiting near Academy. Also Miss Fannie Moore is visiting near Dunmore.

Prof. G. E. Moore, closed his second term of school, the 26th, at Mt. Zion, where he taught a very successful term.

We have a very interesting Sunday school at Mt. Zion. All are cordially invited to join us in this good work. The first Sunday school founded in the United States, was founded by a missionary—a chieftian in the ranks of celebrated evangelists. The Sunday School is a part of the Church and the Church is the body of Christ.

Rev. Fultz will preach at Mt. Zion first Sunday in May at 10 a. m.

Master Roy Bambrick was knocked off a horse by a limb, and sprained his arm right badly.

Messrs. J. W. Grimes and C. W. McLaughlin attended H. A. Yeager's sale the 27th, ult.

Misses Carry Moore, Fannie Moore and Ona Grimes were at Huntersville Saturday.

ANONYMOUS.

Green Bank.

A fine shower last Saturday and to-day (Monday).

Crawford Hull was in our town last week.

Prof. John McLaughlin, of Marlinton, was in town last Saturday.

Will some reader of the Times tell the book and chapter and verses in the Bible, that contains all the letters of the alphabet except one, and what one is not there?

G. D. Oliver & Bros. are having some repairs done to their store-house.

The Board of education, of Green Bank District will meet in session on the 4th of May at 1 o'clock p. m.

Sandy Burner, of Traveler's Repose, was in our town last Friday after Dr. L. L. Little, to see P. D. Arbogast's little child, who was very sick, but is better at this writing.

Dr. C. L. Austen started on last Monday for Weston, W. Va.

The first quarterly meeting for this circuit, will be held at Dunmore on the 11th and 12th of May instead of the 4th and 5th, as was stated last week.

Our farmers are hauling limestone from Henry Sheets, to burn lime for corn. We think this a step in the right way.

There will be about 100 acres of corn on Dr. J. P. Mooman's farm this year.

This is a poor year to sell flour in this part of the county, owing to good crops last year, and a good acreage flour is selling retail at 24, by the barrel \$4.50, corn 75cts, and dull sale at that, and heretofore sold at \$1.00, flour as high as \$8.50.

J. H. Curry has conditionally rented his shoe shop to Henry Trimble, who will run a first-class harness shop.

The question has often been asked, why was that pen built around the school house so people could not see our public building? Who can answer it?

T. J. Williams and son, of Top-of-Alleghany, passed through our town last Saturday. He is moving to Frost where he will keep hotel.

W. A. Gladwell lost a good cow from the effects of drinking lye.

Capt. C. B. Swecker, of Dunmore, passed through town en route for Beverly Monday.

Born:—To S. B. Hannah and wife, a boy; to A. C. Sutton and wife, a girl; Emery Conrad and wife, a girl; to Snoden Cooper and wife, a boy. **BIG FOOT.**

Sunset.

As I have seen nothing in your valuable paper from this corner for some time, it may be well to let it be known that we have not pegged out yet.

The farmers are pushing their work, and are preparing to raise larger crops than usual. They realize that we are on the verge of better times.

Rev. C. M. Fultz and wife, are off to Rockingham (his native county) on a bridal tour.

There was considerable excitement in our village on Monday morning, the 29th inst. Some parties were on their way to Huntersville, and when attempting to pass the residence of one worthy townsman, P. M. Harper, and Mr. J. C. Harper came out in a very excited manner, and he had in each hand a large cow-horn, warm yet from the animal, but their fear subsided when they noticed on his face about a two-foot smile, and he said "It's a gal."

Mr. Amos Barlow, the merchant king, of H. took a fine lot of yearling cattle to C. W. Moore's mountain land to graze.

The China wedding at H. N. Moore's, was an enjoyable affair on last Saturday, the 27th, ult.

Our general miller, John Jackson, is happy too—it rained and the wheel turned round.

SOPHOMORE.

LOST:—Miss Lucy Kincaid, while on her way to Marlinton a day or two since, her horse shied at the "Fortifications" and caused her to drop her purse. All the contents were recovered except a five-dollar gold coin. The finder will please return the same to Miss Kincaid.

Quite a number of teams started for the depot, from Edray on Tuesday.

On the highway of life we are all out to take the rich man's dust.